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On 1 May 1953, the Zentralinstitut fuer Funktechnik (ZIF) (Central Institute for Radio Technology) was established on the premises of the Fernsehzentrum (Television Center), 116 Rudower Chaussee, Berlin-Adlershof, after it had been decided that the State Radio Committee was no longer to concern itself with development work. The Zentralinstitut is to be in charge of all research and development work in the field of radio technology in East Germany. Plans to transfer research personnel and laboratories from all East German radio engineering plants to the Institute are opposed by the plants. As of September 1953, only the Main Department for Thermionic Tubes, which had been transferred from the State Radio Committee, was in full operation. The operation of the other main departments of the new Institute was hampered by a shortage of qualified engineers.

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